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Dear Friends and Family of Asbury UMC,

******WE NEED YOUR ATTENTION! *******

Since COVID Funds ran out during the pandemic, our budget has been falling short with what is being given by about \$50,000 per year and we have been using the Endowment Fund to make up the difference. Also, we have had substantial building repairs that have been funded by the Capital Fund that are also part of the Endowment Fund. This cannot continue as we will use up that fund within the next couple of years.

In looking at our budget, there are really no cuts we can make as everything either pays staff or provides utilities and needed services. We need to find a way to move forward into the future to preserve our church community and we are asking for your help.

On October 25th, we will have one combined service at 10 am with a catered luncheon after the service. We are asking everyone available to attend to discuss those needs and to brainstorm some ideas to help before our Endowment Funds run out. We want to be good stewards of what God has given us.

At this luncheon, we will also be discussing the Executive Leadership Team's proposal to sell the parsonage after Pastor Julie leaves Asbury. This will be voted on during our Charge Conference on Sunday, November 15th after the 11 am worship service.

Sharing God's Love in Our Community

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Please join us. We are in this together and we know that God will find a way. It may be you that has the idea that God will use. Thank you for all you do and all your giving. We are blessed by every person who walks through our doors. Let us figure this out together.

Please RSVP if possible so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone. Email the office at asburyumcsmyrnade@gmail.com, mail to the church or leave the attached portion in the offering plate. We thank you for your attention to providing a secure future for the next generation here at Asbury.

Sincerely,
The Executive Leadership Team

RSVP – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

YES, I WILL ATTEND _____ # OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____

NO, I WILL NOT ATTEND _____

NAME: _____